GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL OPEN SCHOOL
HANNAN MOLLAH;SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has lately been made about the success of the National Open School (NOS);

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of children who seek admission/passout from the NOS every year;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the students who have completed the schooling from NOS are not getting admission in the colleges;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.13 ASKED BY S/SHRI SHANKA PRASAD JAISWAL AND HANNAN MOLLAH MPs REGARDING 'NATIONAL OPEN SCHOOL'

No specific study has been undertaken through an outside agency to assess the impact made by the National Open School since its establishment as an autonomous organisation of the Ministry of HRD in November 1989. However, a phenomenal growth rate recorded by the National Open School in student enrolment as well as in the number of Accredited Institutions (Study Centres) are indicators of the success achieved by it in imparting education from primary to pre-degree level to a large category of students. Starting with a meager figure of 40,884 students and 161 study centres in 1990-91, there are now more than 7 lakhs students on the rolls of National Open School. Total number of study centres has risen to more than 1700. The annual enrolment of students has crossed the figure of 2 lakhs.

National Open School has informed Government that number of students admitted/certified in Academic Courses at Secondary and Senior Secondary level during the last three years were as given below:-

Year	Secondary Course		Senior Secondary Course	
	Admitted	Certified	Admitted	Certified
1998-99	75699	27878	46172	18311
1999-2000	86854	41234	59580	23203
2000-2001	109213	45443	75916	21832

Senior Secondary Certificate awarded by the National Open School is recognized by the Association of Indian Universities and individually by several Universities from all over the country for the purpose of admission to the colleges. As per the UGC Regulations regarding minimum standard of instructions for the grant of first degree through formal education, there is no bar on admission of such students in colleges as have passed Senior Secondary Certificate course from the National Open School. However, as per these regulations, admission in colleges is required to be made on merit on the basis of criteria notified by the University to which the college is affiliated after taking into account the Reservation Orders issued by the appropriate Government from time to time. NOS has received some representations regarding denial of admission to NOS pass outs in some Universities and has taken up the issue

with the UGC.